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WE CLAIM:

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1. A method of bringing about sedation and/or analgesia in a mammal which comprises administering to such mammal an <sup>small</sup> ~~by injection~~ effective amount of 4 [ $\alpha$ -methyl]2,3-dimethylbenzyl]-imidazole.

2. A method according to claim 1 in which the said mammal is a dog, cat, guinea pig or rabbit.

3. A method according to claim ~~2~~ <sup>1</sup> in which a sedative effect is produced in a dog or cat by administration by injection of a dosage of 10 to 100  $\mu$ g/kg.

4. A method according to claim ~~2~~ <sup>1</sup> in which a sedative effect is produced in a guinea pig or rabbit by administration by injection of 200 to 400  $\mu$ g/kg.

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